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REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action claims 1-33 were pending and claims 1-33 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry and favorable consideration of the amendments and remarks tendered herewith. Said amendments include amendments to all independent claims herein; namely, claim 1, 16, and 30-32 as well as dependent claim 6 and 16 and no claim are canceled herein.

I. Rejections under 35 USC §101

Claims 32-33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed invention is purportedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants herewith amend claims 32-33 to ensure they are appropriate directed to statutory subject matter. To wit, the claims are amended to recite that a computer readable medium including instructions for performing the method previously recited constitutes the invention. In addition, certain claim limitations have been added to distinguish said medium from applicable prior art. Support for the added limitations can be found throughout the application as filed, however, specifically at page 18 lines 6-11 and 15-16, among other locations.

II. Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over combinations of several references, including the '771 patent to Snell, the '770 patent to Nappholz et al., and the 906 patent to Kroll.

Applicants herewith amend the independent claims to render them patentably distinct over the applied art. That is, Applicants could not locate any teaching or suggestion motivating one of skill in the art to combine said art to provide the claimed invention. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that the amended claims are in condition for allowance so that the claimed invention may proceed to timely issuance as U.S. Letters Patent.

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III. Conclusion

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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